[10th February 1958

District Planning Board, Coimbatore

* 9 *Q.*—SRI P. G. MANICKAM : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the suggestions made to the Government by the Coimbatore District Planning Board at its meeting held on 3rd August 1957 ; and

(*b*) the steps taken by the Government thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) It is presumed the question relates to the suggestion made regarding (i) the formation of a separate block for the Talavadi firka of Gobichettipalayam taluk ; and (ii) the waiver of contribution to be collected from the people as it is a very backward area, the main population comprising Harijans.

(*b*) (i) The matter is under correspondence with the Government of India.

(ii) As the crux of the Community Development Programme is public participation, no exemption can be made in the case of the block in question waiving collection of contribution. I may, however, add that, in the case of works intended to benefit mainly the Harijans, certain concessions are already available.

Cases of murder

* 10 *Q.*—SRI A. A. RASHEED AND SRI S. LAZAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of cases of murder registered from the 1st January 1956 to 30th November 1957;

(*b*) the number of cases that ended in conviction; and

(*c*) the number of cases of murder still remaining undetected?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) 1,387.

(*b*) 572.

(*c*) 96.

MR. SPEAKER : The same question has been asked by Sri S. Lazar. The hon. Member can ask a supplementary question.

SRI S. LAZAR : Is it a fact that most of the cases end in acquittal due to proper investigation not having been made and will the Government consider the question of recruiting investigation officers who have got some qualification and also experience in the line?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I am unable to agree that there is any defect in the investigation that is done now.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : What is the number of murders committed in the City and what is the number still remaining undetected in the City?